AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0021] on page 4 of the specification as follows:

[0021] In this embodiment, a desired substrate (e.g., SiO₂, Al₂O₃, carbon-doped (CDO), etc. with a porous or flat surface) is immersed into the electroless solution. Metal particles suitable as catalysts will <u>be</u> deposited on a surface of the substrate. In one embodiment, the substrate may be rinsed and/or dried after the substrate is removed from the solution.